Amendments to Claims

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

- 1. (Original) An apparatus for reducing electromagnetic interference between a pair of antennas attached to a wireless communications device, wherein the apparatus is positioned proximate to a second antenna of the pair of antennas for intercepting electromagnetic energy radiated from a first antenna of the pair of antennas during transmission of a signal, and wherein the apparatus comprises a plurality of resonant circuit elements, each being configured to resonate at or near a carrier frequency of the transmitted signal for redirecting at least a portion of the electromagnetic energy away from the second antenna, thereby reducing the electromagnetic interference at the second antenna.
- 2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein combined operation of the plurality of resonant circuit elements enable the apparatus to operate over a relatively wide range of band-gap frequencies.
- 3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the relatively wide range of band-gap frequencies comprises the carrier frequency of the transmitted signal and extends approximately two to four octaves above the carrier frequency.
- 4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the relatively wide range of band-gap frequencies further comprises a second carrier frequency, which along with the carrier frequency, is used by a dual-band radio module for transmitting/receiving signals via the first antenna.
- 5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the relatively wide range of band-gap frequencies further comprises a third carrier frequency, which is used by another radio module for transmitting/receiving signals via the second antenna.

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- 6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the carrier frequency of the transmitted signal is equal to about 2.4 GHz, and wherein the range of band-gap frequencies extends from about 2.3 GHz to about 9.6 GHz.
- 7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is configured to resonate by setting various dimensions of the apparatus to some fraction of a wavelength of the transmitted signal.
- 8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein a length of the apparatus is substantially equal to one-half of the transmission signal wavelength.
- 9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the plurality of resonant circuit elements form a periodic surface that is substantially less than one-tenth of the transmission signal wavelength.
- 10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein a material composition of the apparatus is selected from a group of conductive materials having a relative permittivity value between about 0.0 F/m and about 1.0 F/m and a relative permeability value between about 10 H/m and about 100,000 H/m, thereby enabling the apparatus to minimize a primarily magnetic component of the radiated electromagnetic energy.
- 11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the apparatus comprises a thin strip of metal, which has been cut and folded into a plurality of rectangular elements, wherein the plurality of rectangular elements are connected to and arranged above a common reference plane by a plurality of vertical segments, and wherein the rectangular elements, vertical segments and common reference plane combine to form the plurality of resonant circuit elements.
- 12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein a lower surface of the plurality of rectangular elements is separated from an upper surface of the common reference plane by a dielectric material.

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- 13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the apparatus comprises a thin strip of metal, which has been cut and folded into a plurality of A-shaped elements separated by a plurality of horizontal segments, and wherein the plurality of A-shaped elements and horizontal segments combine to form the plurality of resonant circuit elements.
- 14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the apparatus comprises a thin strip of metal, which has been cut and folded into a plurality of domed segments separated by a plurality of slots, and wherein the plurality of domed segments and slots combine to form the plurality of resonant circuit elements.
- 15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the apparatus comprises an elongated metal structure, which has been molded to form a plurality of vertical elements, which are periodically coupled to a common reference plane at various locations, and wherein the plurality of vertical elements and various locations combine to form the plurality of resonant circuit elements.

16. - 24. (Canceled)